

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## Council adopts Comprehensive Housing Strategy

After a year of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings, two open houses and discussion of a number of draft strategies, the Shoreline City Council accepted the Committee's Comprehensive Housing Strategy Report on February 19. After a public hearing on March 24, Council formally adopted the Strategy which addresses housing affordability and choice, as well as protecting neighborhood character in Shoreline.

Council Goal #5 is to develop a comprehensive housing strategy for the next 10 years.

Now that the strategy is adopted, Council is reviewing recommendations and prioritizing what will be implemented.

The CAC recommended a total of 15 strategies for implementation. The following four were presented for implementation this year:

**Subarea Planning** – This process is already under way for part of the Ridgecrest neighborhood and Town Center area, and is just beginning for the Southeast Neighborhoods (south Briarcrest and Ridgecrest) area. This approach provides opportunities to examine housing choices and neigh-



borhood compatibility.

Staff is also working to identify and contact owners of privately-owned and federally assisted multi-family housing to create an inventory list.

**Funding for Housing Development** – Use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for housing acquisition, rehabilitation or development. Funds are cur-

rently available to the City for this purpose.

**Property Tax Exemption for Housing** – Use the Property Tax Exemption (PTE) to encourage affordable units and community amenities within Shoreline, such as areas in North City and Ridgecrest.

Special thanks to the CAC for guiding Shoreline housing policies for years to come: Chair Sid Kuboi, Vice Chair Terry Scott, John Behrens, Keirdwyn Cataldo, Chris Eggen, Darlene Feikema, Jay Helfrich, Nimo Musal Hussein, Janne Kaje, Chakorn Phisuthikul, Jeanne Roxby, Karen Russell, Harry Sloan, Maria Walsh, Michelle Linders Wagner and Malyn White.

For more information about the Comprehensive Housing Strategy, contact Senior Planner Steve Cohn at (206) 546-1418. The Comprehensive Housing Strategy is available at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).





# Shoreline Police Crime Prevention Tips

## Home burglaries on the rise; police offer security checks

According to Shoreline Police, residential burglaries dramatically increased during the first quarter of 2008.

The burglaries are distributed throughout the City with 68 percent "forced entry" break-ins.

Thieves entered through unlocked doors, garages and windows in the other 32 percent of Shoreline burglaries.

In many cases, suspects used a rock to break a window and then reached through to unlock the window or door. The majority of these burglaries happen during the day.

In some cases, suspects take small electronic items that can be easily concealed; others are taking large items suggesting that they have a car waiting nearby.

To help prevent burglaries, the Shoreline Police Department offers free home visits to assess your unique security risks. The officer will walk you through cost-effective measures to better secure your home and answer any questions you may have. Please contact one of the Shoreline



Storefront Offices to set up an appointment for a residential survey, or to set up a Block Watch in your neighborhood.

In addition, Shoreline Police encourage residents to take the following steps to deter burglars:

- Check your home prior to leaving and make sure that doors and windows are locked.
- Call 911 to report suspicious activity. If you see someone in or around a neighbor's house and you know they don't belong there, call 911.

For more information, contact Shoreline Police at one of the Neighborhood Police Centers listed on page 8.

## Southeast Neighborhoods Subarea Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting

**Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Activities Center at Fircrest Campus, 15th Avenue NE at NE 150th Street**

### The City of Shoreline needs to hear from you!

We invite you and your neighbors to help us develop a long-range vision for the southern parts of Briarcrest and Ridgecrest. Come tell us what you value about living here and what you wish could be better. The meeting will include information from Housing Strategy Citizen Advisory Committee representatives, from community members and from planning professionals, followed by a citizen-led group brainstorming on ideas for the subarea plan. This is a great chance to share your ideas. Let's work together to bring this collaborative relationship to reality.



**More info?** Associate Planner Miranda Redinger  
(206) 546-3826 or [mredinger@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:mredinger@ci.shoreline.wa.us)

## Shoreline welcomes two new Library Board members

At its April 28 meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance 501 expanding the membership of the Library Board from five to seven. The Council subcommittee for appointing Library Board members recommended the expansion to foster institutional memory and ensure there are enough members present at meetings to conduct business.

The Council also adopted the committee's recommendation to appoint Sidney Strong and Maria Peterson to fill the new positions. The new Library Board members will be sworn in at their May 8 meeting.



## Off-Leash Dog Area Study Group presents initial recommendations to the community June 12

After a year of research and discussion, Shoreline's Off-Leash Dog Area (OLDA) Study Group invites the community to learn more about its initial recommendations at a public presentation in June.

In May 2006, Shoreline voters approved a bond issue to acquire park property and improve parks throughout the community. One element of that bond was to site an off-leash dog area in Shoreline and build improvements needed for this new facility.

The Study Group consisting of eight community volunteers and two Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Board members was formed last June to evaluate potential sites and develop a system-wide approach to provide off-leash dog areas in Shoreline.

Last summer the group began researching other cities' experiences and visiting off-leash dog areas in the region as background for developing evaluation criteria. The resulting criteria, supplemented by the group member's own experiences at on- and off-leash dog sites, provided



(see details at left).

Join the Off-leash Dog Area Study Group to discuss its recommendations and the process it followed to arrive at their pilot site choices.

For more information about the Off-Leash Dog Area Study Group or Park Bond Projects, contact Project Manager Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 546-0232 or visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

**Public Presentation  
Thursday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Shoreline Historical Museum  
749 N 175th Street**

the basis for a thorough discussion of every potential site in Shoreline.

In April, the group identified recommendations for initial pilot sites for off-leash activity and other potential sites to consider in the future.

Now the group is ready to share these initial recommendations with the community at a public presentation on June 12

**Did  
you?**

Although pet waste is one of the leading causes of bacterial contamination of streams and lakes, the solution is safe and easy.

- 1) Scoop the poop
- 2) Put it in a plastic bag
- 3) Place it in the trash
- 4) Wash your hands

Composting or burying your pet's waste does not reliably destroy the harmful organisms.

Large photo by Mark Kelly and inset photo by Paul Moody.



# Wanted:

## Your community improvement ideas

What do wall murals, bird houses and a community carnival have in common? Each benefits the community and was funded by a City mini-grant.

Shoreline has two mini-grant programs to encourage residents to improve neighborhoods and the environment. Proposals are due June 30.

### Environmental Mini-Grants

The Environmental Mini-Grant Program helps increase personal awareness and responsibility for natural resources, create partnerships to promote a sustainable community and implements local projects that contribute to regional initiatives.

Grants up to \$5,000 are available to individuals, organizations and businesses on a first-come, first-serve basis. Proposals should:

- Create an environmentally sustainable community;
- Address climate protection, global warming or the Kyoto protocol;
- Provide a surface water quality benefit; and/or
- Address the City's land-use policies, such as restoring habitat or providing protection for streams and wetlands.

To apply, complete an Idea Proposal, available online at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or at City Hall. If your idea is feasible, you will be asked to complete an Environmental Mini-Grant Application. You will be notified if your idea was selected for a grant.

For more information, contact Environmental Programs Coordinator Rika Cecil at (206) 546-0460 or [rcecil@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:rcecil@ci.shoreline.wa.us).

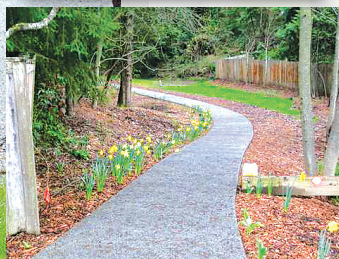
### Neighborhood Mini-Grants

These grants are available for projects that improve neighborhoods, promote neighborhood associations and create community partnerships. The grants also fund activities and events that bring neighbors together and may be used for emergency preparedness and safety improvements.

Neighborhood Mini-Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded to recognized neighborhood associations. Neighborhoods are required to match grants through volunteer labor or in-kind donations. If the idea is feasible, a Neighborhood Mini-Grant Application must be completed and presented to the City Council for approval.

If you have an idea for a mini-grant, contact your neighborhood association. If you need more information about your neighborhood association or want to brainstorm ideas, contact Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith at (206) 546-8564 or [nsmith@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:nsmith@ci.shoreline.wa.us). Forms are available online at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or at City Hall.

**Neighborhood Mini-Grant Projects from top:**  
Street trees in Ridgecrest, Shoreline Park bench in Echo Lake, a new trail in Highland Terrace and playground equipment in Richmond Highlands.





# Aurora Corridor second mile design at 30%

With the environmental process complete, project design and right-of-way acquisition is now under way for the second mile of the Aurora Corridor Project (N 165th Street to N 185th Street). Per environmental requirements, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) "Notice of Action" was released by the City's SEPA Responsible Official to let the community know the City has taken action and is moving forward with the project.

The City's design team, HDR Engineering, Inc., has submitted 30% plans for the segment. Shoreline staff, police, fire, and utilities are reviewing the design, while the City continues to meet with property owners to discuss design, property purchase, easements and right-of-way impacts on property.

A Value Engineering (VE) study was conducted in April on the project as required by one of the City's funding partners, the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). The VE study focused on ways to improve constructability, construction duration, traffic control, stormwater and the bid process. The discussion and recommendations from this study will be shared with Council during the 30% review this month.

The design process will continue through 2008 with construction of the mile between N 165th and N 185th Streets expected to begin in 2009.

For more information contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791 or visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).



## Aurora, Bridges and Interurban Trail receive multiple honors

### **Puget Sound Regional Council**

Last month, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) presented a 2008 VISION 2020 Award to the City of Shoreline for its Aurora Corridor and Interurban Trail Bridges projects. The two projects were honored as an "exceptional effort that promotes a livable region and exemplifies VISION 2020," PSRC's growth management, economic and transportation strategy.

"The Shoreline community worked on the vision of improving the Aurora Corridor and building the Interurban Trail Bridges for many years to make them a reality," says Shoreline City Manager Robert Olander. "It's gratifying to receive regional acknowledgement for the hard work and creativity that went into the project."

PSRC honors businesses, local governments and non-profit organizations each year that do creative work to provide transportation access and mobility and improve the quality of life in the central Puget Sound region. The City completed the first mile of the Aurora Corridor project in June 2007.

### **Washington Recreation and Park Association**

The Washington Recreation and Park Association honored the Interurban Trail and Interurban Bridges for Best Trail - Class 1 at its April 24 Annual Awards Banquet.

### **Transportation Improvement Board**

The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board highlighted the Aurora Corridor Project in its 2007 Annual Report. Out of 138 projects completed in 2007, Shoreline's Aurora Corridor was the project featured on the cover.



## Celebrate Shoreline parade and booth applications now available

Now is the time to start planning your parade entry or booth for Celebrate Shoreline. This year's festivities are the week of August 11 with the Parade and Festival August 16. The application deadline is August 1. Visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or City Hall for applications. For more information, contact Pam Barrett at (206) 418-3377.



## Natural Yard Care Event for Earth Day and Everyday

Despite the blustery and snowy conditions, a record 1,500 eager participants attended this year's Natural Yard Care Event at Central Market on April 19.



# Get Ready Shoreline EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Month eight of the Washington Emergency Management Division's 12-month program asking residents to devote one hour each month to disaster preparation

## Securing Your Utilities

Natural gas leaks and explosions are responsible for a significant number of fires following any major earthquake. It's vital that all household members know how to shut off the natural gas.

- Locate the shut-off valve and make sure it will turn. The shut-off valve is located on the pipe that comes out of the ground. Turn the valve 90 degrees or a ¼ turn. If your valve is rusted open do not lubricate it. Lubricant could corrode the O-rings that allow the valve to turn.

- Attach a wrench to the meter or to the wall directly behind the meter. Choose a crescent wrench that is at least 12 inches long and adjust it to fit your valve before hanging it behind the meter in case it rusts.

## After an earthquake Gas

- Shut off the gas immediately only if you smell the characteristic odor of gas, you hear a hissing sound, or you notice the meter dials spinning more rapidly than normal.

- Do not use matches, lighters, open flame appliances or operate any electrical switches until you're sure there are no gas leaks. Sparks from electrical switches could ignite the gas.

- If you smell natural gas, immediately get everyone out of and away from the house. Open the windows and doors to provide ventilation. Shut off the gas at the meter.

## Water

Shut off water at the main house valve. Cracked lines may pollute the water supply to your house, so it's wise to shut the water off until you hear from authorities that it is safe to drink.

## Electricity

Locate your electrical circuit box. If you need to shut off your electricity, always shut off all the individual circuits before shutting off the main circuit breaker. Teach all household members how to shut off the electricity.

More info: [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com)



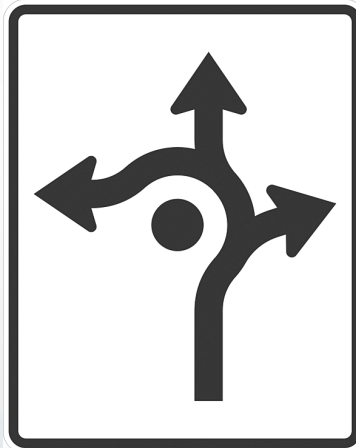
## Traffic circle review: travel right

Shoreline residents continue to ask about the proper way to drive around the traffic circles installed last year.

Traffic should move counterclockwise – to the driver's right – around a traffic circle. Approaching vehicles should yield to vehicles already in the intersection and traveling around the traffic circle.

Traffic circles are effective at slowing speeds and preventing accidents in otherwise uncontrolled intersections. Shoreline's 36 traffic circles were placed based on traffic studies and neighborhood concerns about safety.

For more information about how to drive around traffic circles or other traffic enforcement questions, contact Shoreline Police Traffic Sergeant Kevin Fagerstrom at (206) 546-6730. For more information about Shoreline's Traffic Program, contact Shoreline Traffic Engineer Rich Meredith at (206) 546-2408.



## SCL surcharge is for City projects

This year, Shoreline rate payers started seeing surcharges for undergrounding utilities on their Seattle City Light (SCL) bills. The first began in February and was for the 15th Avenue NE Project. The average residential customer can expect a \$7.75 annual increase or \$0.65 per month.

The second surcharge begins in June for the first mile of the Aurora Corridor Project. The average residential customer can expect a \$16 annual increase or \$1.33 per month.

In June rate payers should also expect to see a modest increase in electricity contract fee charges, a fee is levied by the City to help fund basic services. The City's assessment is going from 3% to 4.5% of electric revenues, which is expected to cost a residential customer approximately \$8 per year or \$0.67 per month. The surcharges and the contract fee charges apply to all Shoreline rate payers equally.

The franchise agreement allows the City to ask SCL to "underground" existing electrical systems. SCL pays for construction of the improvements, then incorporates the cost into the City's electric rates, usually over 25 years.

For more information, contact City of Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

## Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Work Parties

First and third Sundays  
Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
20312 15th Avenue NW

Bring your own gloves, tools and kneeling pads if you can; some are available to loan. For more information, contact Kruckeberg Garden Manager Sarah Baker at (206) 546-1281.



Shoreline joins the state and nation in recognizing countless lives saved by adopted and enforced building safety codes.

## May is National Bike to Work Month

Support environmental sustainability in Shoreline! Commute by bike five or more times, round-trip, during May to participate and be eligible for grand prizes. Visit the Cascade Bicycle Club website at [www.cbcef.org/btw](http://www.cbcef.org/btw) for details.



# Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

## City of Shoreline

Shoreline City Hall  
17544 Midvale Ave. N, Suite 100  
(206) 546-1700 Fax (206) 546-7868  
www.cityofshoreline.com

City Hall Annex - Highland Plaza  
1110 N 175th St., Suite 105

Spartan Recreation Center  
18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155  
(206) 418-3383 Fax (206) 418-3380

Shoreline Pool  
19030 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline 98155  
(206) 362-1307 Fax (206) 362-8450

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden  
20312 15th Avenue NW, Shoreline 98177  
(206) 542-4777

## Departments & Programs

City Clerk's Office (206) 546-5042  
City Manager's Office (206) 546-1303  
Communications (206) 546-8323  
Customer Response Team  
(206) 546-1700  
Economic Development (206) 546-0959  
Emergency Management (206) 546-7873  
Finance & Information Technology  
(206) 546-0790  
Human Resources (206) 546-2622  
Human Services (206) 546-1933  
Intergovernmental Relations  
(206) 546-0779  
Neighborhoods (206) 546-8564  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services  
(206) 546-5041  
Planning & Development Services  
(permits) (206) 546-1811  
Public Works (206) 546-4207

## Shoreline City Council

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Meeting Location: Shoreline Conference Center  
18560 First Ave. NE, Mt. Rainier Room  
Agenda Line: (206) 546-2190

Study Sessions: First & third Mondays 6:30 p.m.  
Business Meetings: Second & fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m.

Televised City Council Meetings on Cable Channel 21  
Tuesday noon and 8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday 6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.  
Also on www.cityofshoreline.com

## Shoreline Police

### Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station  
Chief Dan Pingrey  
1206 N 185th St., Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 546-6730


Westside Neighborhood Police Center  
Officer Leona Obstler  
624 NW Richmond Beach Road  
Shoreline, WA 98177  
(206) 546-3636

Eastside Neighborhood Police Center  
Officer Greg McKinney  
521 NE 165th St., Shoreline, WA 98155  
(206) 363-8424

## Popular Numbers

Arts Council	(206) 417-4645
CleanScapes	(206) 859-6700
Comcast	(877) 824-2288
Historical Museum	(206) 542-7111
KC District Court	(206) 205-9200
KC Libraries	
Richmond Beach	(206) 546-3522
Shoreline	(206) 362-7550
Puget Sound Energy	(888) 225-5773
Qwest	(800) 244-1111
Ronald Wastewater	(206) 546-2494
School District	(206) 367-4111
Seattle City Light	(206) 625-3000
Seattle Public Utilities	(206) 684-5900
Senior Center	(206) 365-1536
Shoreline Center	(206) 368-4122
Shoreline Fire	(206) 533-6500
Shoreline Water	(206) 362-8100
Verizon	(800) 483-4100


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